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SUBJECT: MTN CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN

REF: (A) STATE 163810
(B) TOKYO 10654

SUMMARY. FOLLOWING UP ON MY REPRESENTATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER,
E/CMIN SAW INTERESTED JAPANESE MINISTRIES WHO GREETED BREAK
THROUGH IN MTN SCHEDULE AND PROMISED EFFECTIVE JAPANESE COOPERA-
TION. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOLLOWING UP ON MY TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER (REF B) E/CMIN
MET WITH MOFA DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO, MOF VICE MINISTER MATSUKAWA
AND MITI VICE MINISTER MASUDA TO CONVEY RESULTS OF STR BREAKTHROUGH
IN TALKS WITH EC. ALL EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT PROGRESS ACHIEVED
AND AGREED TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ASSURE TIMETABLE IS MET.
THEY ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE U.S.-EC UNDERSTANDING WOULD NOT COME
UNRAVELED BY DIFFERENCES IN NUANCE BETWEEN U.S. AND EC OR BY

RESISTANCE OF EC MEMBER STATES.

2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH E/CMIN FIELDDED AS BEST HE COULD WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A. IN PARTICULAR THEY ARE INTERESTED IN OUR CURRENT THINKING ON TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND WHETHER WE NOW FEEL SOME KIND OF MINIPACKAGE IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. YOSHINO ADDED THAT SOME MINISTRIES HAD BEEN "SURPRISED AND ANNOYED" THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN MTN CAME BEFORE CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN. YOSHINO ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE JAPAN HAD HAD CHANCE TO MAKE INPUT BUT HAD DECLINED TO DO SO, THESE COMPLAINTS ARE LARGELY UNJUSTIFIED, BUT HE URGED STR VISIT TO JAPAN TO SOOTHE RUFFLED FEATHERS AS WELL AS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE.

4. COMMENT. TOP WORKING LEVEL OF JAPANESE BUREAUCRACY IS OBVIOUSLY PREPARED TO FOLLOW PRIME MINISTER'S LEAD AND GIVE FULL ATTENTION TO MOVING MTN FORWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH STR TIMETABLE. THEY HAVE INSTRUCTED SUBORDINATES TO CONTACT USG AGENCIES TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS. WE URGE WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO KEEP US INFORMED AS WELL OF THESE MEETINGS. AS SCHEDULE DEVELOPS, INFORMATION ON EC MEMBER STATES' REACTIONS WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE VANCE

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